

ON THE REVIEWER'S TABLE

Under the Stars and Bars.
By B. W. Jones, Spotsville, Va. Everet Waddy Company, of Richmond, publishers.

This book is announced by its author as a history of the Surry Light Artillery, and is dedicated to "his old comrades, who marched with him under the banner of the Southern Confederacy from the beginning of the struggle in Virginia to the closing hour at Appomattox. These recollections are in garb as rugged as was the boy soldier himself, but their dedication is respectfully and fraternally made."

He says further: "It has been one purpose in the course of this story to present something of the inner life of the soldier in camp—something of the many little tableaux and comedies that were often taking place, and which served to break the monotony of what would often have been a dull and scarcely endurable life. Perhaps the recital of these episodes, most of them doubtless long since forgotten by the surviving actors therein, may serve to recall some pleasant memories, and evoke a smile from the now old and gray men who were then, for the most part, but heedless and care-free boys."

The roster of the company and its going into camp in June of 1861, begins its record, followed subsequently in letters written by Mr. Jones to a friend at home during the war, these letters being supplemented with notes and remarks necessary for the connection and elucidation of the general record. The date of the first letter is August 15, 1861. It is written from Camp Cook, on James River. The last is sent from Camp Henrico on March 20, 1865. These covering intervening incidents and events, written from different camp localities, are filled with the experiences of soldiering in winter quarters, in conflict with the enemy and on the march. Letter fifteenth, from Camp Roper, on the York River Railway, has this paragraph: "Some ladies of Richmond, becoming patriotically inclined, made with their own hands and presented to our company recently a beautiful battleflag. W. Gordon McCabe, the accomplished adjutant of the battalion, presented it in an eloquent speech, in which he referred to the glorious deeds of Henry of Navarre and the stainless honor of Sir Philip Sidney, and Captain Hankins responded in a few appropriate remarks. God bless the ladies, and bless our cause!"

The thirty-first letter, sent from Camp Schermernoth, near Oakwood Cemetery, Richmond, has many interesting reminiscences. Among them this: "Though the soldier is many

times hungry and sorely clad, he is ever ready for a song, and many a lively air or national ode is heard before the final roll call and tattoo. Several of the boys sing well. Did you ever hear Wallace Foreman sing? When he strikes in on 'Annie Laurie' or the 'Bonnie Blue Flag,' all the rest stop to listen. But it is when he is leading his way through his own Maryland, that his soul seems to melt in tenderness, till his song vibrates and recedes, almost like harp notes borne away by the evening breeze. And then there are 'Dixie' and 'Sweet Evie' and 'Foswell' Jacks' son's 'Way' and half a score more songs that are favorites with our boys."

The story goes on thus through the several years of the War Between the States. It is well and simply told, without exaggeration, and with a spirit of unflinching honesty and unflinching courage, that renders it most valuable and doubly interesting in perusal. The closing of the letters is followed by the author's description of the title of 'Fife Onks,' and the disaster that followed, ending in the disbanding of Lee's army, and the return of the Confederates to their homes. Mr. Jones says by way of farewell:

"I have told the story of the Surry Light Artillery as I remember it, I believe that my comrades who yet survive will find that it is a truthful, and, in the main, a pretty full account of the scenes, events and dangers through which we passed during those memorable years when the Southern States were engaged in a desperate struggle for their separate independence. I have aimed to emphasize the right of a free people to resist with arms and to the death, the invasion of their territory, and to have sought to put on record just what the men of Surry and the surrounding counties fought for, to maintain the supreme authority of each separate State to govern and control its own domestic affairs. 'We are all wrong!' to the calm judgment of posterity I appeal for the justice of our cause."

"Reminiscences," by S. M. Williams, quartermaster of the Surry Light Artillery, on the march from Richmond to Appomattox, in April of 1865, and "Experiences," by Dr. Joseph N. Jones, of Surry, while a prisoner of war, also a "Report" of Pembroke D. Gwaltney, detailed from the Surry Artillery as master armorer for the Second Corps, Army of Northern Virginia, fill short appended chapters in Mr. Jones's book, closed finally and appropriately by a list of his war-time comrades who died during the war and since its close, and by the names of survivors.

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bear a vicarious burden of sin and disgrace. The natural desire of Tessa to shield her sister and save her sister's hand from a knowledge of the truth was rendered doubly unavoidable by circumstances which almost forced her into an unnatural position, and brought about many unhappy complications that only a pitiful tragedy could set straight.

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The Scotchman takes his share of the treasure and goes back to his people and civilization, his one regret being that the Apache Kid, who is forever separated from his home and family by some mysterious shadow of the past.

For those fond of the wild life of the West, its perils and its lure, the book will provide much entertainment.

BOOK AND MAGAZINE NOTES.

July Review of Reviews.
The special features of this number are illustrated articles on "The Alaska Expedition," by Fred. Brooks, the mineralogical expert and explorer; "The Northwestern Railway Situation," by Ray Morris; "The Nation's Playgrounds," by George Otis Smith, director of the United States Geological Survey; and "Great the Visitor Sees at the Seattle Fair," by R. S. Jones, Jr. There is also an appreciation of the late Dr. Edward Everett Hale, and the estimate of Oliver Wendell Holmes contributed to the Review by Dr. Hale on the occasion of Dr. Holmes's death in 1890.

The book department has brief articles this month on "Edward Everett Hale as Man of Letters," and "Meredith and His Message," besides the usual complement of notices of current publications. The frontispiece of this number is an excellent reproduction of the Wright brothers and their father at the Dayton celebration, June 18-19. In the editorial department, "The Progress of the World," the tariff debate at Washington, the Philadelphia street strike, the strike of the locomotive firemen in Georgia, the recent achievements in aerial navigation, the European battleship race, and other leading topics of the month are commented on, while the departments of cartoons, "Finance and Business," and "Leading Articles of the Month" deal with a great variety of matters of current interest.

Summer Boarding.
The discomforts of what the writer calls summer "boarding," are dwelt upon by Graham in Putnam's Magazine for July with an emphasis that bespeaks an intimate acquaintance with the experiences that few of us have succeeded in escaping. "When I have finally engaged board for the summer," says the writer, "I always look at every one I see in the street with renewed interest. How can I tell which of the women may be embracing her husband and spanking her child in my company for weeks? or which of the men I may meet when, in some remote spot, I slipers, socks and sponges clasped to our bosoms, and hair and eyes still full of sleep, we scramble for the bathroom—if there is one?" Florence Scovel Shinn's illustrations are of the sort that really feel.

A. C. McClurg & Company will publish in July a remarkable life of the inventor of the harvester, under the title "Cyrus Hall McCormick: His Life and Work" written by Herbert N. Casson, author of "The Romance of the Steel" and "The Romance of the Reaper." The story is not a biography only, but a chapter, as well in the most important development of American history. Cyrus McCormick emancipated the American farmer from the slavery of the soil up to his time, no matter how much wheat was grown, no more was obtainable than human hands could gather in a few days when alone the wheat could be harvested. And that quantity was a bare necessity; its export was unheard of.

The July number of The Book News Monthly is a centenary number devoted to Alfred Tennyson, the English poet. An unusual and attractive feature of pictures illustrates the Tennyson feature, which is composed of articles by Professor Henry S. Pancoast, Edith Rickert, Warwick James Price and Amalie Boguslawsky. The second instalment of "Brandywine" by the author of the attractive and picture comprising poems and delightful prose of a meditative and descriptive variety by John Russell Hayes.

Because of the recent deaths of Algeron Charles Swinburne and George Meredith, the Book News Monthly prints a study of these two last of the Victorian poets by Dr. Cornelius Weygandt of the University of Pennsylvania. There are a number of pieces of original verse and some thirty pages of book reviews giving the latest news and criticism of all the latest books.

In Second Edition.
Charles Belmont Davis's book of short stories of New York life, "The Lodger Overhead and Others," is now in its second edition. It is published in South America Series.
A new volume in the South American Series, Mexico, by C. Reginald Brock, F. R. G. S., has just been brought out in this country. This book gives a complete history of the political, social and business conditions in Mexico to-day, besides giving a valuable and interesting account of the country during prehistoric times and the Spanish conquests. It contains many and a number of full-page illustrations.

The August Smart Set.
"The Knot," a novel by Emma Wolf, dealing with the sacredness of marriage, is published complete in the Smart Set for August. There is a third instalment of the story of a wife faithful unto the man, even though separated from him by law. A great deal of the final action of this novel takes place during the last San Francisco earthquake, the scenes of which are vividly represented. Charles Battell Loomis's satirical essay, "On Extravagance," a clever one-act play by Frederic Arnold Kummer, short stories by William Hamilton Osborne, Hawthorn Campbell, Crittenden Martindale, Leo Crane and others, and verse and sketches by Galt Burgess, Thos. Loomis Garrison and others round out the Smart Set's interesting August program.

Champlain Tercentenary.
The tercentenary celebration of the discovery of the continent of America was an elaborate and interesting affair. Special exercises, pageants on land and water, and the presentation of the Indian drama of Hiawatha are only a few of the features. One of the most interesting of the pageants, in which the Indians took part, depicted the flight of the Algon-

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"The Dreamer" a Success.
The Dreamer, Mrs. William G. Standish's novel on Edgar Allan Poe, published by the Bell Book and Stationery Company, of Richmond, is one of the successes of the month, having had a large sale here and elsewhere.

"Bride of the Mistletoe."
Frank Law, Allen's new book, "The Bride of the Mistletoe," has been published by Macmillan & Company, of New York. The entire action is compressed within less than two days, including Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and reveals a crisis in the lives of two people. The character of man and woman are delineated with all the subtle insight to which Mr. Allen has accustomed his readers, and the story is written with that art which is characteristic of all his work.

Asland Social News.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch)
V. ASHLAND, Va., July 17.—Miss Mrs. Graham Hobson and Miss Elizabeth Hobson are guests of Mrs. C. C. Bridges. Miss and Mrs. Joe Cox, of Richmond, were among the guests at the party, Sunday with friends here.

Miss Nellie Morton and Irene Jones, of Richmond, are guests of Mrs. C. C. Bridges. Misses Gordon of King and Queen counties are visiting Mrs. Lewis at Courtland. Mrs. C. W. White is spending some time here with Mrs. C. W. Williams. John and Burton Speed, of Richmond, were among the dancers at the hop on Monday night at the Henry Clay Inn. Miss Hallie Vaughan is the guest of relatives in Louisa.

Miss Martha Hughes is visiting relatives in Norfolk and Martinville. Miss Mattie Wiggins leaves this week for Norfolk, to be the guest of Miss Audrey Graham in Louisa.

Ralph James Winston, of Hill Gate, Mont., is visiting Charles M. Bridges. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cox, of Richmond, are the guests of Mrs. Schooler Fox. Miss Emma Lawless is visiting relatives in Franklin County.

Mrs. William Timberlake, of Fredericksburg, is the guest of Mrs. G. F. Delarue. Mrs. James W. White is returning to his home in Pittston, Pa. Miss Annie Lancaster is the guest of Miss Jamie Gimes, at Hillsboro. The guests of Kendall Weisiger of Atlanta, Ga., C. Weisiger, of the city.

B. Morgan Shepherd returned Monday from a business trip to Leesburg, Va. Professor Base Greenhaw and family are guests of the Misses Greenhaw.

Buckingham Social News.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch)
BUCKINGHAM, Va., July 17.—S. P. Patterson, of Richmond, attended court here this week. John L. Rogers has been offered the principalship of the High School here for the coming season. Professor F. E. Jones, of this city, who was recently appointed superintendent of schools for Buckingham, has taken charge of the office, and is looking forward to the start of the school year with interest. He is already taking steps for the betterment of the school.

John D. Jones was quite ill at his home, "New Store," last week. The county school board will meet for an annual settlement of school accounts on August 11.

Pochohontas Social News
(Special to The Times-Dispatch)
POCOHONTAS, Va., July 17.—Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Black left Thursday for a trip East. They expect to be gone several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Galway, have for their guest, Miss Lilla Whitman, of Amelia, Tex. Mrs. Galway's sister, Mrs. W. V. superintended the guest of her house guests, Dr. and Mrs. Horace L. Goodwin, left Monday for a few days' outing on the river.

John Hundley, of the Long Pole Lumber Company, spent some time at Green Creek, W. Va., last week, the guest of Charles E. Miss Belle Bloch, of Richmond, who has been spending some time here, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Black, left Wednesday

morning for her home. A dance was tendered Miss Bloch on Tuesday evening before her departure by the Pochohontas German Club.

Thomas Barrett, of Langraft, W. Va., was the guest of friends here Sunday. Mrs. W. H. Walters is the guest of friends in Salem this week.

Miss Nellie Largent and Dr. Weddle are attending the State normal at Galax. Miss Viola Ayres has returned from college at Bristol.

William Cloud, of West Virginia, is visiting relatives here. Elder J. G. Pitt, of Ward's Gap, was here a few days ago.

Reuben Worrell, of Bellspur, has moved here with his family. W. L. Hendrick, of Willis Gap, was here on business a few days ago.

Montvale Social News.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch)
MONTVALE, Va., July 17.—Dr. Will Price, of Eckman, Dr. Epps Price and Mrs. W. S. Egan, of Richmond, were the guests of Mrs. C. C. Bridges, of Charlottesville, who attended the family reunion at the home of Dr. and Mrs. S. H. Price, of Richmond, on Sunday, returned on Monday to their respective homes.

Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Luck, of Roanoke, passed through Hillsboro on Tuesday, en route for their summer home. Captain and Mrs. N. C. Luck have returned from Roanoke, where they had gone to visit their daughter, Mrs. Weiburn. Mrs. Belle Rice, after a short visit to Rock Hill, returned on Sunday, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. T. H. Terrell.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rice and daughter, of Spencer, O., and Miss Smith, of Muncy, Ill., arrived Friday of this week, and whilst here, will be the guests of Mrs. Belle Rice. Mrs. Early and daughter are visiting Dr. Bernard Early's relatives at Hillsville.

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"I had been using Postum three months and had never been sick a day when I thought I would experiment and see if it really was coffee that caused the trouble, so I began to drink coffee again, and in less than a week I had a sick spell. It was so I was soon convinced that coffee was the cause of all my misery, and I went back to Postum with the result that I was soon well and strong again and determined to stick to Postum and leave coffee alone in the future."

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Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.